The Birth of the Student Representative Council (SRC, IEM G&S)

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Apart from being the annual G&S Open Day, 2 July 2005 represented another milestone in the illustrious history of the IEM's Graduate & Student Section (G&S) with the official launching of the Student's Representative Council (SRC) at the Crystal Crown Hotel, Petaling Jaya.

The main objective of the SRC is to recruit more student members whilst also encouraging participation from engineering students in activities organised by the student representatives from various universities. Besides organising activities, the SRC also serves as a platform for all engineering students to develop themselves into more competent and versatile engineers in the future.

In conjunction with the launching of the SRC, the G&S incorporated a buffet-styled dinner as well as performances and games by the ever multi-talented G&S committee members – with the theme for the night "The Matrix". Invited guests, ranging from undergraduates from campuses all around Malaysia to reputable professional engineers, gathered in the evening to witness the launching of the SRC.

The host and hostess for the evening was none other than the suave-looking and chic-dressing Sdr. Ivan Tan Chee Yen and Sdri. Hareiny Hilmy, posing as Neo and Trinity respectively (from the movie 'The Matrix'.) The excellent performances by both of them had the guests well and truly entertained.

After the guests have been served with a sumptuous dinner and a seemingly non-stop flow of programs, the eagerly-anticipated launching of SRC finally commenced. Jafni, the co-event organiser for the launching, presented a small performance by the student volunteers. In an instant, the room went pitch-black, and mysterious music started playing. Guests were brimming with anticipation as to what might happen next. The main ballroom entrance door then opened, and a dim light was seen piercing through the door. A young man in a black blazer entered the room followed by a lady in a white gown, and two more smartly-dressed men followed closely behind, as though three bodyguards were guarding an angel. Clasping in their hands small candles which barely lit up the room, the four mysterious guests walked towards the stage and gathered around a crystal-like ball sitting on the table.

Jafni then invited the VIPs for the night, Ir. Choo Kok Beng and Sdr. Suresh Yegambaram, to step up to the stage, ushered by two beautiful ladies. They were then requested to touch the crystal ball with their fingers. No sooner had the VIPs' fingers touched the crystal ball, it started glowing brightly in purple, reminiscent of electrical-like charges flowing from the fingers to the crystal ball. The lights came back on and confetti was popped into the air. Deafening applause and cheers broke the silence in the room. The new Student Representative Council was officially launched.

Soon, a short but impressively-compiled multimedia presentation complemented the launching, showcasing the main objectives and projects planned by SRC volunteers for the new session.

The night continued with the rest of the programs lined-up on the itinerary and was concluded with an award presentation ceremony to the outgoing G&S committees.

Overall, the SRC launching was a truly memorable and successful event. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience, witnessing such a large number of students and graduates gathering for the launching. With the birth of the SRC, it is the hope and vision of the G&S that engineering students can contribute more for the benefits of themselves.

Lastly, congratulations to IEM G&S and all the best to the SRC! ■

The G&S Chairman and the VIP of the night, Ir. Choo Kok Beng, together with the rest of the SRC committees, officiating the launching

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10 July 2005

IEM G&S Brainstorming Session

As usual, every G&S session would be kicked off with our brainstorming session amongst all G&S committees. Reason? To discuss, plan and formulate all our G&S activities for the session in line with our vision to continually and progressively support the professional development of G&S members. For those who have the passion to serve the G&S Section, feel free to contact **Sdr. CF Yau** (012-3882570, *chaufong@tm.net.my*)

17 July 2005
FUTSAL Friendly with M.U.S.T.
Our G&S' favorite sport – FUTSAL. Had a good friendly with M.U.S.T. (Malaysia University of Science and Technology). Led the match all the way only to lose out to the younger team because of fatigue and lack of match practice. For those interested to join our weekly FUTSAL practice at Section 14, Petaling Jaya or if you want to play a friendly with us, please contact **Sdr. Yen** (012-321 2720, *yenkwan2@yahoo.com*).

22 July 2005
UIA Membership Drive
One of our outreach programs to university students conducted by **Sdr. Ivan Tan** (our Student Affairs Director).

7 August 2005
Setting Up of G&S Malacca Branch
We had our first pro-temp meeting on setting-up of G&S Malacca Branch with a few enthusiastic G&S members in Malacca. For those who are interested to be in the G&S Malacca branch committee, feel free to contact **Sdr. Ngeow YW** (012-3852525, *ngeowyw@yahoo.com*). Also be on the lookout for our flyers for our Malacca Membership Drive.

13 August 2005
RACKL Installation Dinner
The G&S committees attended our activity partners' RACKL (Rotaract Club of Kuala Lumpur) Installation Dinner at the Mines Beach Resort. A social outing with our friendly and ever enthusiastic RACKL committees which is part of our networking efforts with other young professionals.

22 August 2005
G&S Bowling Friendly I
We kicked off again our bowling session just like in our last G&S session. This time a friendly with Gamuda Berhad's Sports Club, which was played at the 1-Utama Bowling Alley. For sports clubs who would like organise friendlies with us, do contact **Sdr. Ho WL** (012-3177338, *hwlong 2809@yahoo.co.uk*)

27 August 2005
G&S Unleashed…
Yes the new G&S Committees and Upcoming Activities were unleashed to our G&S members. Briefings were given by our G&S committees on all the respective portfolios.
The day continued with a short talk on "Effective Public Speaking Skills" by En. Rohijas from the Toastmasters International giving engineers tips on how to overcome fear and give effective speech and how to become an eloquent speaker. The day ended with our fellowship event, a BBQ nite and our chairman was thrown into the pool as part of our birthday celebration for him.